RRF 1st Payment request – Austria
Preliminary positive assessment by the Commission
Timeline and process of payment requests

**Submission of the payment request (up to twice a year)**
- MS chooses the best moment to submit
- All evidence in FENIX, the RRF IT Tool
- Informal cooperation with Commission ahead of submission

**Commission Assessment of the payment request (up to 2 months)**
- Evidence-based assessment
- Thorough check of the satisfactory fulfilment of milestones and targets

**EFC opinion (up to 4 weeks except emergency break)**
- Commission provides positive preliminary assessment
- Economic Policy Committee discussion
- Economic and Financial Committee opinion adopted by consensus

**Commission adopts payment decision in comitology (around 2-3 weeks)**
- Commission implementing decision takes into account EFC opinion
- Opinion by RRF (comitology) Committee

**Commission processes payment (without undue delay)**
- As soon as possible based on market conditions
Timeline of Austria’s RRP implementation

RRP design and adoption
- RRP submitted on 30 April 2021
- Approved by COM on 21 June 2021
- Endorsed by Council on 13 July 2021

RRP Implementation Setup
- Financing agreement signed on 16-22 September 2021
- Operational arrangements signed and published on 29 November 2022

First Payment Request
- Submitted on 22 December 2022
- Positive preliminary assessment adopted by COM on 10 March 2023
The summary of the positive preliminary assessment of each relevant milestone/target includes the following:

- Context: objectives of the measure, description of the milestone/target, and placement of the milestone/target within the overall implementation of the measure
- Evidence: description of the evidence provided by Austria
- Analysis: assessment on how the evidence provided duly justifies that the milestone/target is satisfactorily fulfilled
- Conclusion: Commission preliminary assessment for each milestone/target

Structure of the preliminary assessment
Overview of Austria’s RRP and disbursement profile
Overview of the Austrian RRP

**Allocation**

- EUR 3.751 billion in grants (ca. 0.93% of 2021 GDP)
- The total value of the plan is €4.499 billion (ca 1.1% of 2019 GDP)
- No loans requested
- EUR 450 million prefinancing paid out, 13% of the funding

The **59 measures** of the plan (27 reforms and 38 investments) are structured around **4 components** and **16 subcomponents** (**171 milestones and targets**):

- Green transition
- Digital transformation
- Social and territorial cohesion
- Smart sustainable and inclusive growth
- Other (mainly health and resilience, policies for the next generation)
The disbursement profile and associated packages of milestones and targets

Indicative deadlines in CID for completing Milestones and Targets associated with each disbursement: actual payment can take 18 weeks to complete after request

- Net pay amount (EUR)
- Clearing of prefinancing
- Number of corresponding M&T, reform
- Number of corresponding M&T, investment
First payment request
Overview of Austria's first payment request

- 40 milestones
- 4 targets
- 36 measures
- 17 reforms and 19 investments
- Measures implemented until Q4 2021
- 700 million in grants
## Key reforms and investments

**Reforms:**

- 1.B.2 Introduction of 1-2-3 climate ticket
- 1.C.1 Legal framework for increasing collection rates for beverage packaging and the supply of reusable beverage containers in retail
- 1.D.1 Renewables Expansion Law
- 2.A.1 Set-up of Platform Internet infrastructure Austria (PIA) 2030
- 2.B.1 Fair and equal access of pupils to basic digital competence
- 2.C.1 Proposed legislation for Once Only: Amendment of the Enterprise Service Portal Act
- 3.B.1 Education bonus
- 4.B.1 Soil protection strategy
- 4.B.2 Reform to further develop care provision
- 4.C.1 Development of a building culture programme
- 4.D.2 Increase in effective retirement age
- 4.D.4 Climate action governance framework
- 4.D.5 Eco-social tax reform
- 4.D.7 National Financial
- 4.D.9 Strengthening equity capital
- 4.D.10 Labour market: one-stop shop
- 4.D.11 Liberalisation of business regulations

**Investments:**

- 1.A.2: Exchange of oil and gas heating systems
- 1.B.4: Zero-emission utility vehicles
- 1.B.5: Construction of new railways and electrification of regional railways
- 1.D.2: Transforming industry towards climate neutrality
- 2.B.2: Provision of digital end-user devices to pupils
- 2.C.2: Digitalisation fund public administration
- 2.D.1: Digitalisation of SMEs
- 2.D.2: Digital investments in enterprises
- 2.D.3: Green investments in enterprises
- 3.A.2: Quantum Austria — Promotion of Quantum Sciences
- 3.B.2: Promoting re-skilling and upskilling
- 3.C.2: Remedial education package
- 3.D.1: IPCEI Microelectronics and connectivity
- 4.A.2: Funding of primary health care projects
- 4.B.3: Climate-friendly town centres
- 4.B.4: Investment in the implementation of community nurses
- 4.C.3: Renovation Volkskundemuseum Wien and Prater Ateliers
- 4.C.5: Investment fund for climate-friendly cultural businesses
Green transition (13 milestones and 1 target)

- [M101] IPCEI Selection of hydrogen projects
- [M68] Green investment in enterprises
- [M41] Transforming industry towards climate neutrality
- [T3] Replacement of heating systems
- [M117] Roadmap for a soil protection strategy
- [M122] Climate-friendly town centres
- [M11&M12] Introduction of 1-2-3 climate ticket
- [M17] Support programme for zero-emission utility vehicles
- [M21] Start of construction of the Lavanttal rail station
- [M24] Waste Management Act
- [M38] Renewable Expansion Law
- [M156] Citizens’ Climate Council (Klimarat) and focal point on green budgeting
- [M158] Eco social tax reform
Digital transformation (10 milestones/1 target)

- [M52&T53] Digital devices for the first two years of secondary school
- [M75] Promotion of quantum science
- [M97&M98] IPCEI Microelectronics and Connectivity
- [M44] Work programme of the Platform internet-infrastructure Austria 2030
- [M56] Legislative proposal for the once only principle
- [M 59] Digitalisation fund for the public administration
- [M62&M63] KMU Digital and KMU E-Commerce
- [M65] Digital investment in enterprises
Social policies, health and next generation (11 milestones and 2 targets)

- [M152] Abolishing of early retirement without deductions
- [M107] Funding guidelines for primary health care centres
- [M119] Long-term care reform
- [T131] Start of community nurses
- [M49 & M50] Fair and equal access of pupils to basic digital competence
- [M92 & M93] Remedial education package
- [M162] National financial education strategy
- [M84 & T85] Education bonus to incentivise training for unemployed
- [M87] Legal framework for re- and upskilling measures
- [M167] One stop shop for long-term unemployed
Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth (6 milestones)

Growth and Culture

- [M 134] Publication of the building culture report
- [M 137] Feasibility studies for the Volkskundemuseum and Prater Ateliers
- [M143] Funding guidelines for the investment fund for climate friendly cultural businesses

Support to business

- [M165] Decree on the conversion of state guaranteed loans into equity
- [M169] Entry into force of the occasional transport act
- [M170] Publication of the decree exempting recharging points for electric motor vehicles and photovoltaic systems in commercial installations from authorisation.
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Audit and control

- No milestone for the audit and control system was included in the Austrian RRP.
- At the time of the assessment of the plan, the audit and control system was assessed as sufficient and robust.
- The audit and control system is based on established structures.
- Detailed description of the control system and the arrangements put in place to ensure the implementation of the measures in line with the applicable rules and regulations.
- The Ministry of Finance is the central coordinating body.
Next steps in the implementation of the Austrian RRP
Austria’ second payment request: overview

- The second payment request corresponds to milestones and targets for 14 investments and 19 reforms.
- It concerns 33 milestones and 2 targets (out of the 171 M&Ts in the Austrian plan) and it amounts to EUR 750 million (net of pre-financing).
Thank you

More information: Commission webpage on the RRF

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